24th March 1955]

Jaggery Co-operative Society, Chirakkal taluk.

* 1602 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from 53 ex-tappers on 26th May 1954 from Azhikode village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, requesting for the formation of a Jaggery Producing Co-operative Society; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, a memorandum signed by 450 ex-tappers has been submitted to the Government. This matter was also referred to the Collector and was also discussed at the meeting of the Advisory Committee. But, the society has not yet been formed. The ex-tappers are prepared to abide by the rules and regulations of the society. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether proper steps will be taken at least now after going through the papers to encourage these poor people and to develop this cottage industry?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I will call for a report from the Collector."

Revolver licences.

* 1603 Q.—Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many revolver licences were issued in Tirunelveli district from 1st June 1953 to 31st May 1954, and how many of them to Harijans;

(b) whether Sri P. Urkavalan, M.L.A., applied for a revolver licence, and if so, when; and

(c) the action taken on his application?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Seven revolver licences were issued, during the period from 1st June 1953 to 31st May 1954, and none of them was issued to a Harijan.

" (b) Sri P. Urkavalan applied for a revolver licence on 11th May 1953.

" (c) The application was rejected by the Collector."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, when such applications are rejected, whether the reasons for the rejection are also given?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, the reasons are given. There is also provision for appeal against the order of the Collector under the Revenue Code."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, does not the Hon. Minister think that at least for the sake of the name of the hon. Member, viz., 'Urkavalan' it is better to give him a revolver licence?" (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Because he was already an 'Urkavalan', we thought that a revolver was not necessary for him." (Renewed laughter.)

Sri M. P. PERIASAMY :—" ரிவால்வர் வைத்துக்கொள்ள லைசென்ஸ் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டவர் ஹரிஜன எம்.எல்.எ. என்ற காரணத்திற்காக அவருக்கு லைசென்ஸ் மறுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதென்பது உண்மையா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"ரிவால்வர் லைசென்ஸ் வேண்டுமென்று விண்ணப்பம் வருகிறபோது, அந்த விண்ணப்பதாரருக்கு ரிவால்வர் அவசியமா, இல்லையா என்பதை ஆலோசித்து கலெக்டர் தீர்ப்புச் சொல்லுகிறார். அந்தத் தீர்ப்பு சரியல்ல என்று தோன்றினால் அதற்குமேல் அப்பீல் செய்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு வேண்டிய விதி இருக்கிறது."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" In the matter of grant of revolver licences, I think the man on the spot, viz., the Collector of the district has got certain discretionary powers. Can the Government fetter the hands of such officers and interfere with their discretion?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When a certain authority is given discretion, the hon. Member may be aware that recently the High Court has held that the Government should not interfere with it and if they interfere, the order would be illegal. That is why the Government do not interfere in such matters."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஸ்ரீ ஊர்க்காவலன் என்பவர் காங்கிரஸ் எம்.எல்.ஏ-வாக இருப்பதினால் அவர் அஹிம்சையில் நம்பிக்கையுள்ளவர் என்று கருதப்பட்டு ரிவால்வர் லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லையா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" ஏதோ காங்கிரஸ் எம்.எல்.ஏ-க்களாக இருப்பவர்கள் தங்களுடைய காரியங்களைச் சாதித்துக் கொள்ளுகிறார்கள் என்று எதிர்க் கட்சியினர் சொல்லுகிறார்களே, அது சரியல்ல என்பதை இது நிரூபிக்கிறது."

Recovery of pumpset loans.

* 1604 *Q.*—Sri N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to postpone the recovery of pumpset loans or to drop coercive methods for their recovery?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No."